(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Conversion of gauge on Southern Railway

270. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of conversion from metre-gauge into broad gauge has been taken up on Southern Railway particularly from Mysore to Coimbatore-Satya-Mangalam;

(b) if so, what is the expenditure involved in this regard; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pantry cars attached to long distant trains

271. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Pantry cars attached to long distant trains in Southern India have been removed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the names of the trains from which Pantry cars have been removed;

(c) whether Pantry cars of Kaveri-Trichur Express running between Mysore and Bangalore has been removed; and

(d) if so, by when these Pantry cars are likely to be restored?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c):

Trains from which pantry car service withdrawn during last one year	Reasons
937/938 Ahmedabad-Cochin Express	Shortage of B.G. Pantry cars.
221/222 Kaveri Express 205/206 Tippu Express	Poor petronage and availability of adequate catering facilities enroute.

(d) There is no proposal at present for restoration of Pantry car service by above trains.

Double discharge facility at Suburban railway terminal at Bombay

272. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Railway have a plan for providing double discharge facility at the suburban Railway Terminal at Bombay V.T.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the Railways propose to complete this plan; and

(d) what are the salient features of this project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The work was initially approved in 1977-78 at an estimated

cost of Rs. 3.56 crores, but was kept frozen till 1983, when it was defrozen and a revised estimate was sanctioned at Rs. 9.69 crores. Its completion will depend on availability of funds in the coming years.

(d) The salient features of the project are provision of an additional line between Platforms 8 and 9, double discharge platform facility, a foot-over bridge, yard remoderlling, etc.

Combined seasonal tickets for Suburban Section in Bombay city

273. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a persistent demand for a combined Four Route seasonal ticket to cover Bombay V.T./Churchgate and Borivili/Thane for use on the Suburban Section in Bombay city;

(b) whether it is a fact that this type of ticket would be very useful for salesmen, medical representatives and other professionals who have to go all over Bombay city;

(c) whether it is a fact that at present these people have to buy two different seasonal tickets and are put to great inconvenience; and

(d) what steps the Railways propose to take to issue such type of a seasonal ticket?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Suggestions have been received for issue of Four-Route Season tickets on the suburban sections of Central and Western Railways in Bombay.

(b) and (c) It is possible that some passengers buy two different season tickets for their own convenience.

(d) Issue of such tickets is not permitted according to rules and there is no proposal to issue them.

Slum residential colony 'KRANTI NAGAR' on railway land in Bombay

274. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge slum residential colony KRANTI NAGAR on the railway land at Kurla East in Bombay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these residential structures have been in existence since many decades and rent is collected from the occupants by the Central Railway Administration;

(c) whether Government propose to shift this slum colony any where else in view of certain developments in this area; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) There are 207 hutments on railway land at this location.

(b) The hutment dwellers have been paying licence fee to the Railways as per an understanding reached in 1981.

(c) and (d) The Railways do not have any plan to shift the hutment dwellers since this subject is within the purview of the State Government.

Unauthorised construction at Ghatkopar Railway Station

275. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4193 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of the structure and it's dimension that was